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Greenbelt Sewer System Revamped With New Insituform Technique

by Elaine Skolnik

GHI homes are not the only structures undergoing rehabilitation in Greenbelt these days. Another major project involves the restoration of some portions of the city's sanitary sewer system to prevent ground and surface water from infiltrating the pipelines and mixing with sewage.

"It was necessary to eliminate the points of possible leakage in order to provide more capacity at the regional sewage treatment plants," said a Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission spokesman, adding that "reconstruction will result in tremendous savings of dollars."

Ground and surface water does not need to be treated. However, because of seepage into the system, it comprises about 30% of the sewage carried to treatment plants in Prince Georges and Montgomery counties.

Leakage into the pipelines via cracks and faulty joints can occur by "infiltration" - when the ground water table is higher than the sanitary sewer pipelines. This happens during heavy and prolonged rain storms. Seepage also occurs by "inflow" - when water from rain and other precipitation enters the pipes through cross connections to storm sewer and roof and foundation drains. In some cases contractors have hooked up the storm sewer directly to the sanitary sewer.

The work in Greenbelt is part of a broad WSSC program to restore older sewer mains in its bi-county sanitary district. According to principal engineer Michael

Bonk of the Infiltration-Inflow Evaluation and Control Section, WSSC embarked on a Federally funded study of the system in 1974 to "(1) analyze the system to determine if there were a possible problem (2) evaluate those areas determined to be potential problems and (3) analyze the different methods of rehabilitation."

Insituform

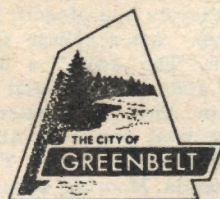
In Greenbelt the innovative Insituform process is mainly utilized to modernize the pipelines instead of the more costly and disruptive conventional excavation and pipelaying. Excavation was necessary, however, in a portion of the sewer main in the Center Mall.

WSSC officials are enthusiastic about the new approach, which provides for cleaning of the old sewers and the insertion of a one-piece polyester lining in the pipe, creating a new, watertight, smooth-surfaced, long lasting pipe (30 to 50 years) within the old sewer. It is estimated that where Insituform can be used, the cost is approximately half that of excavation and replacement and the process can be completed in a shorter period of time.

Arthur Lang, Insituform East vice president and general man-

ager, pointed out that there was minimum inconvenience to the public during the operation in the Center Mall. "There was no loss of revenue for the merchants," he noted.

Actual work on a sewer begins See SEWERS, page 5



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY,
JANUARY 19, 1981
8:00 P.M.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Minutes of Regular Council Meetings
5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Petitions and Requests
7. Administrative Reports
8. Committee Reports

III. OLD BUSINESS

9. Approval of Job Description-Office Assistant I

IV. NEW BUSINESS

10. Charter Amendment - to Repeal and Reenact with Amendments Section 12, Title "Employee Relations Board" to Provide that the Board Shall Consist of Five (5) Members Instead of Three (3) Members; and to Provide for a Quorum and Procedures - First Reading
11. Charter Amendment - To Amend Section 54, Title "Custody of Monies" to provide for participation in an employees' deferred compensation plan as chosen by the city and subject to the rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service - First Reading
12. Proposed Letter Seeking State Allocation of Mortgage Revenue Bond Authority for GHI Rehabilitation Program
13. Appointments to City Advisory Boards
14. Liquor License - Godfather's Pizza, Greenway Shopping Center

V. MISCELLANEOUS

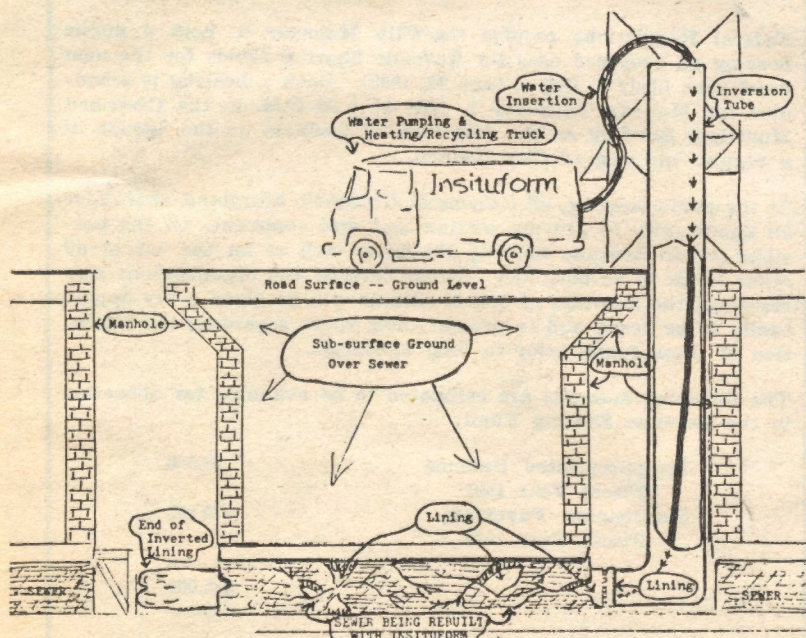
NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda - subject to change.

What Goes On

Thurs., Jan. 15, 8 p.m. GHI Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Mon., Jan. 19, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Thurs., Jan. 22, 8 p.m. GHI Meeting, Hamilton Pl.



While this work is taking place on a section of sewer, the subject pipeline has to be blocked off at either end to "dry out" the sewer for processing. Provision is made by the use of pumps and portable hoses to by-pass the working section of pipe so that there is no backup of sewage upstream of the project. Normal sewer service is maintained for all customers upstream of the sewer section on which the "Insituform" treatment is being applied.

TEN TOP STORIES OF 1980

by Mary Lou Williamson and Leta Mach

In accordance with its annual custom, the Greenbelt News Review has selected the ten top stories of 1980. This year the following were chosen, listed in the approximate order of their occurrence.

Post Office

In a repeat of the previous year, the post office question begins in January with a meeting of postal officials, city officials, and Congresswoman Gladys Spellman. A "positive atmosphere" characterizes the discussion of the alternatives—a contract station, split facility, or a new facility. Later in the month, council discusses possible sites for a new carrier annex for the split facility option (the finance station would remain in the Center) and learns that Greenbelt Cooperative Inc. has offered space in the basement for the post office. Although the Postal Service is still considering a split facility during the summer, by the fall this option is no longer considered economically feasible. Instead the Postal Service expresses real interest in the co-op basement and negotiations for that site accelerate. At its last session of the year, council discusses the need for public input on that location and the use of a portion of the city parking lot for an enclosed postal vehicle compound.

Historic Greenbelt

Excited about the historical importance of Greenbelt, the Maryland Historical Preservation Officer asks the governor's consulting committee to recommend that Greenbelt be listed on the National Register of Historic Places with the status of National Landmark. The governor's committee approves, but holds record open for 60 days to give owners of adjacent parcels time to argue against the inclusion of their land within the Historic District. Fearing the protected Landmark status could limit freedom in developing the land, co-owner Charles Bresler argues that the city's green belt was never meant to remain undeveloped. The city counters the argument with a 1936 map showing parkland and "woodland green belt" on the disputed area. The Governor's committee agrees with Greenbelt's interpretation and forwards application to the Department of Interior. A letter, dated December 30 from the DOI announces Greenbelt's inclusion in the National Register.

Cultural Center

The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, Inc., under leadership of Konrad Herling, makes strong bid to convert the old Utopia theatre into the cultural center of Greenbelt. Threatened in February with loss of the lobby area and a skeptical landlord, the Cultural Center turns to the city for help, which assists Center in obtaining lease from the theater's owner. The Center's activities, however must be privately financed, council says. Accomplishments during the year include heat and running water, wall lights, paint and comfortable seats in the auditorium, raising the rent (\$1000 a month for the last 6 months), a varied program, and nonprofit status (making contributions tax deductible). At year's end Cultural Center plans for visit to Greenbelt by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra to be followed by a champagne reception. The concert, held in the Roosevelt auditorium with 850 seats, has a full house.

Overpass

The problem of dangerous pedestrian crossings of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway surfaced when Eleanor Roosevelt High School opened in 1976. Yet its proposed solution, the overpass, is still "up in the air" during 1980.

The city starts condemnation proceedings in February when Phase I Greenbriar residents reject its offer of \$3678 for an easement of less than an acre for a path to connect with the proposed Baltimore-Washington Parkway pedestrian overpass. Negotiations, however, continue until summer when a final offer of \$8,000 is also rejected. A trial date is set for August 7, but postponed when the judge grants a last-minute motion of Greenbriar Phase I owners that all 252 owners and their mortgagees should be notified. A rueful city staff estimates that the process should be completed in 90 days. However, at year's end the process is not quite finished.

Budget

Inflation hits city budget. Even with their backs to the wall (it's election year) the city fathers vow to maintain current level of services; the \$2.7 million budget allows for no new employees or programs. Tax rate hike of 7c results; residents will pay \$1.04 per \$100 assessed valuation. Several factors held down revenue side of budget: taxable base of commercial property is lowered; county, state and federal contributions are either lower or not keeping up with inflation; and some of last year's revenues were one-time-only payments that the city no longer receives.

GHI Rehab

Greenbelt Homes' hopes for a quick start on rehab work to weatherize the 40-year-old homes and replace antiquated heating systems before the next heating season slowly ebb away. HUD, the federal agency providing the \$6.4 million loan at 3% interest, keeps adding hurdles in what has become a long distance run for settlement. In April General Manager Roy Breashears retires, leaving new manager, Ken Kopstein, in charge. In May a Greenbelt contingent travels to DC to confront HUD Officials eyeball-to-eyeball. At May 26 membership meeting, members overwhelmingly approve conversion to electric heat, authorize the board to borrow funds beyond the \$6.4m. and agree to use HUD loan entirely for frame homes, though low interest rate of 3% is to be shared proportionately between frame and brick homeowners. June 26: HUD loan papers are signed, eight months later than expected. GHI scrambles to hire rehab staff, let contracts, schedule and begin work. Though GHI has leaned over backwards to accede to the "advice" of the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT), a stalemate over selection of siding and window style for the cinder block homes prevents their inclusion in Phase I of rehab. GHI spends entire year trying to pin down financing for rest of rehab. Congress and poor bond market play havoc with efforts to float tax-free revenue bonds as interest rates inch up from 8 to 11% although City of Greenbelt is willing vehicle. Late in year, State Community Development Administration offers temporary construction loan, but like HUD, sets up hur-

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Bravo!

Letter to the Editor:

Although many other people contributed, one person deserves special appreciation for bringing the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra to Greenbelt. Al Herling saw the opportunity because he serves on the Boards of both the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center. Al invested his time and energy by selling tickets in Twin Pines every day, writing publicity articles, and contacting area arts groups. The result was a tremendous success -- a musical feast for over 800 delighted listeners. Bravo!

David & Deanne Lange

Traffic Problem

To the Editor:

I have recently written to Greenbelt city officials, expressing concern about increasingly destructive effects of the expanding motor vehicle traffic throughout Greenbelt. To cite only one example of the general problem, a growing number of cars and motorcycles are driving right through Braden Field or parking on it, thus bringing pollution and noise into one of the last green areas left in Greenbelt.

My letters received immediate consideration from City Manager James Giese. Recreation Director Harry Irving, and Ron Ott, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, who responded with detailed replies and proposed corrective measures which may help to alleviate the situation to some extent.

This letter has two purposes: to note that this kind of positive response from a city government deserves to be recognized and appreciated, and to bring the worsening traffic situation to the attention of Greenbelt citizens who may be able to contribute possible solutions.

Sidney O. Kastner

Baltimore Symphony Offers Student Musical Scholarship

A scholarship in the Baltimore Symphony's training program for talented and gifted high school students is now available. Those accepted will study with leading orchestra musicians, rehearse with the orchestra and take part in a public performance. Students who are interested should apply before February 1. For information about how to apply, call the Baltimore Symphony at 1-727-7300.

Mishkan Torah News

A family service will be held at the Mishkan Torah on Friday, Jan. 16 at 8 p.m. Children celebrating birthdays in January and February will be honored.

The Mishkan Torah Sisterhood will meet on Thursday, Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. A program of exercises led by Greenbelter Rose Haber will be featured.

Greenbelt Homemakers

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Homemaker's Club will be at the home of Martha Sinden on January 21 at 8 p.m. Sylvia Kyle will be presenting a program on "How To Take the Stress Out of Your Day." Cohostessing the meeting will be Doris Marshall.

The Homemaker's Club is affiliated with the Maryland Cooperative Extension Service and is open to any person who is interested in learning more of many subjects of concern to homemakers. For more information about the club and its projects, contact Winnie Phibbs at 474-4031 or Fran Crisman, membership chairman at 345-9032.

DPMA Meeting

The next meeting of the College Park/Greenbelt Chapter of the Data Processing Management Association will take place January 22 (Thursday) at the Domino Restaurant, 10280 Baltimore Blvd., College Park. Richard (Dick) Maynard from Added Value, Inc., will speak on "Information Management and EDP in the U.S. Congress: Past, Present and Future."

The Social Hour starts at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7. For reservations call Claudia Volz, 344-3795 on weekdays or Leonie Penney, 474-6315, on weekends.

Democratic Club Meeting

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will meet Friday, January 16 at 8 p.m. in the upstairs room of the Greenbriar Community House. A preview of upcoming state legislation will be given by elected delegates to the Maryland General Assembly from the 24th district.

Refreshments will be served. Interested people are welcome to attend.

Fourposter Opens This Weekend

"The Fourposter" a play by Jan de Hartog, will open January 16 and 17 at 8:15 p.m. at the Utopia Theater. This lively comedy is suitable entertainment for the entire family.

The role of Agnes is played by Claire Diane Auckenthaler in her first appearance with the Greenbelt Players. She has studied dramatic arts at Catholic University and in acting workshops at Arena Stage and Actors Stage Studio. In 1978 she had a role as an extra in the courtroom scene of the film "And Justice for All."

The role of Michael is played by Craig Mooring, who previously appeared in Greenbelt Players production as Felix Sherman, the writer of "Owl and Pussycat." He has acted the role of Antonio in "Twelfth Night" at Hood College and performed frequently at St. Johns College in Annapolis, where he was associated with the King William Players and Modern Theater Group. After college Craig starred in "The Anvil," a documentary of John Brown's trial performed in the courthouse in which the trial occurred. At the Olde Opera House, Charles Town, West Virginia Mooring appeared as the psychiatrist in "Seven Year Itch" and Pickering in "My Fair Lady."

For information call 474-7763.

SOUL TALKS

Several opportunities are available in Greenbelt for informal Bible studies.

Called Soul Talks, these studies are designed to be practical and discussion oriented. Groups will meet at the following times and places: Monday, 8-9 p.m., 9125 Springhill Lane, Apt. 302, 345-9644 (women); Tuesdays, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., 55-A Ridge Road, 345-5663 (women); Tuesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., 55-A Ridge Road, 345-5663 (co-ed). For more information, call Tim Faller, 345-5663 or 585-8727.

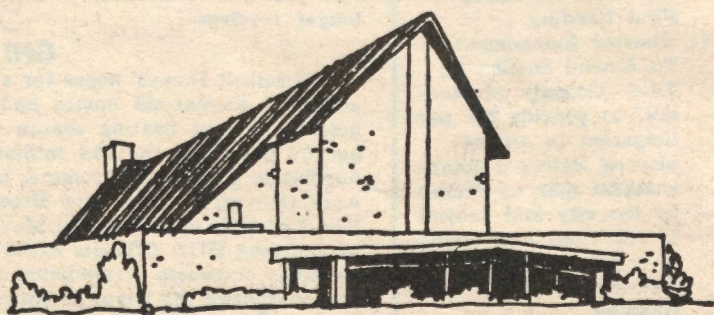
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Benefit Fashion Show

A bridal fashion show, benefiting the Prince Georges Philharmonic Orchestra will be held on Sunday, Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. at the Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Rd., Hyattsville. Concert Master Jan Turkiewicz is among the several Greenbelt musicians playing with the orchestra that will perform during the show. For reservations call 277-2070 or 277-2215.

Cecil Breedon to Retire

The city and employees of the Public Works Department are planning a retirement party for Cecil Breedon on Friday, Jan. 23, at 3 p.m. at the Public Works Service Building.

Breedon had worked for the city at varying times since 1953 for a total of 20 years of service.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
Rev. John G. Bals, Rector
422-8057

Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

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Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

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NOTICE OF

PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED USES FOR REVENUE
SHARING FUNDS AND ALL OTHER
CITY FUNDS FOR COMING FISCAL
YEAR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1981 -
8:00 P.M.

Federal Regulations require the City Manager to hold a public hearing on proposed uses for Revenue Sharing Funds for the next fiscal year (July 1, 1981 - June 30, 1982). Such a hearing is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 1981 at 8:00 P.M. in the Greenbelt Municipal Building as the first item of business on the agenda of a regular meeting of City Council.

At the public hearing, all citizens of Greenbelt, Maryland, shall have an opportunity to provide written and oral comments on the possible use of Revenue Sharing Funds as well as on the use of all other funds to be budgeted. Senior citizens and organizations representing the interests of senior citizens will be given every opportunity to be heard and to present their views regarding the allocation of these funds prior to final allocation.

The following amounts are estimated to be available for allocation in the Revenue Sharing Fund:

Unappropriated Balance	\$8,300
Fiscal Year 1981	
Entitlement Payments	\$76,700
Fiscal Year 1982	
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	\$85,000

After the public hearing, the City Manager will prepare his budget proposal for Revenue Sharing Funds and all other city funds for submission to the City Council on April 6, 1981. Subsequently, the City Council will conduct a public hearing on the Revenue Sharing Budget and all other city budgets prior to adoption.

Gudrun H. Mills, CMC
City Clerk

Tire Puncture Angers Member; James, Curtis Irate Over Handling of Loan

by Sid Kastner

Operational problems in GHI's rehabilitation project were attested to by an overflow audience of members at Thursday evenings board meeting. The board itself at one point was jarred by an internal dispute over the handling of a recent member loan. Few of the slated items on the agenda were gotten to, which meant that the board has since had to meet practically every evening this week to catch up.

Roofing nail hazard

An angry complaint about roofing nails, left in court parking lots and roadways by the subcontractor hired to strip the exterior siding of the frame homes, was voiced by member Jay Henson of a court on Southway who exhibited a new expensive radial tire punctured beyond repair by one such nail. He had also gathered loose nails of different types to show the extent of the problem, and now asked "Who's responsible for clean-up? I haven't gotten any satisfactory reply from anyone." His complaint was supported by director John Lewis who noted that one of his neighbors had stepped on such a nail and other car tires have been punctured. Contract supervisor D. A. Davis replied "I'm aware of the problem - some people who were laid off got a box of nails and sabotaged cars and trucks, and I have told men to clean it up." However, after other members present as well as director Carl Conrad indicated more dissatisfaction with the general situation, director Margaret Hogensen stated "the discussion indicates to me that there isn't any place 'where the buck

stops"; people are getting a run-around" and urged manager Kenneth Kopstein to review the organizational structure of the project. This was formalized on a motion by director Wayne Williams, with director Steve Curtis adding his view that the problem was one of insufficient enforcement by present inspectors.

Rehabilitation credit

Most of the members present had come to get some resolution of an issue involving credit due them for carrying out rehabilitation work independently of GHI. Kopstein explained to the board that his original interpretation was that such credit would be granted after the full project was completed; however many members have thereby been inconvenienced, so that he now proposed a six-point policy to expedite credits. Among these points were staff approval of the member's work; credit would be based on the corporation's project estimates; and to save a great deal of extra bookkeeping, Kopstein noted, he was also proposing that a member must complete at least \$1500 worth of work to start the credit procedure. There would also be a provision for members to pay off their rehabilitation charges in advance, if desired, he stated, but commented that "there may be future adjustments which we can't predict". Both of these latter points immediately ran into trouble with audience and board. Director Curtis disagreed with the \$1500 minimum requirement, calling it "a change of rules in the middle of the game." Several members complained that they were financially penalized. One stated "I received permission (earlier) to have windows put in and attic

insulated, and the work was inspected; therefore I don't think I should have to wait . . . to get credit; also, if I have to wait till all the rehabilitation work is done I should get interest on the money." Another member said "the membership really . . . wants to follow the corporation's policy, we're asking for evidence of good faith" on the part of management. On the manager's behalf, Director Williams commented that "there's no way we can guarantee that every member will get every penny due them" in any practical arrangement, while member Joseph Comproni felt that "the manager has come a long way toward giving proper credit to the members". To meet the needs of all parties, Hogensen urged that some sort of binding legal document might be suitable; Katherine Keene of the Audit committee suggested that GHI's legal counsel could handle such a contract. The members' argument that interest was due them, on money paid in advance to GHI, was evidently accepted by a majority of the board with Hogensen adding such an amendment to a motion by Curtis which also deleted the \$1500 minimum.

Loan dispute

After a mid-meeting recess, director Ed James questioned the manager and comptroller Donald McGinn as to how many large loans, over \$1000, had been made to members. When McGinn responded with the information that one loan of \$5,000 had been advanced to a member family selling one of the townhouses, James charged that this was a loan to "a personal friend outside the corporation, without the treasurer (James) and the general manager being informed" James

moved to impose a moratorium on all loans made without board authorization, with Curtis in agreement. In the ensuing discussion McGinn acknowledged: "I'm the one at fault here - I made a serious error in judgment; I'm asking that the rest of the membership shouldn't be punished for my error in judgment by putting restrictions on them." When Keene of the Audit committee objected to James' motion and insisted that "Mr. McGinn has served too long and too well to be treated this way," James replied "I put no blame on Mr. McGinn; the fault lies with persons now outside the corporation."

This interchange led however to chairman Volk interrupting James on a point of personal privilege; he denied that the member in question was a business associate as James had termed it, stating "I will not apologize for signing a check in my capacity as president of this corporation."

When Curtis insisted that he was "very deeply bothered" by Volk's approval of the loan, Hogensen and Kopstein came to Volk's and McGinn's defense. Hogensen argued that "Mr. McGinn and Mr. Volk had every reason to expect that GHI would buy the townhouse back," and Kopstein added "I don't feel Don McGinn in any way intended this to be of (special) assistance to a member". Frank Gervasi of the Audit committee commented that he believed the member in question had the right to ask for a loan from the institution (GHI) holding a mortgage on his house. The outcome of this debate was that James' motion to halt all loans passed, with Williams and Hogensen voting against.

On Special Membership Meeting

The agenda for the proposed special membership meeting to formalize member approval of rehabilitation financing, to be held sometime after February 15, was brought to the board by Kopstein. The board members expressed dissatisfaction with the complexity of the informational material that will be sent beforehand to members; Kopstein responded that the staff would then need the board's direct assistance to re-work the material in time to be sent out. (This led to one of the extra meetings mentioned at the beginning of this article.)

A member petition was also presented by member Ben Hogensen from the floor, to include a motion on the meeting agenda which would impose a moratorium on the attic insulation program and give members the option to do such work voluntarily. When Kopstein commented that "the corporation may now be committed to an energy-saving policy" which would not allow a choice for members, Williams said he backed "the membership's right to place this petition on the agenda."

One lost, three gained

This meeting stood out in one respect as the last board meeting that was recorded by stenographer Sue Lant, who has resigned. It is generally acknowledged that her job was made extremely difficult by the complicated interchanges which are more and more a fact of life at GHI meetings. It was apparent that this valuable worker will be missed by all. Sue was given a round of warm applause when she finally stood up and said "I'm tired of it!"

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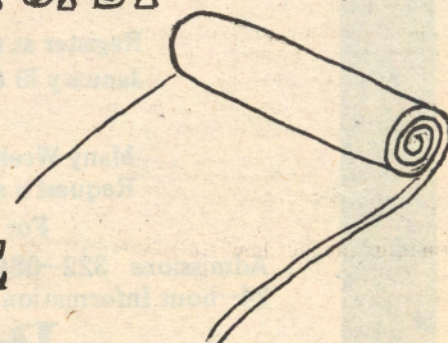
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dies. Year ends as it began: haggling over permission from MHT to use vinyl siding on frame units (the MHT-recommended fibre shingles are too brittle to install successfully.) Looks as though frame homes will go through coldest winter in more than a decade with wide strips of siding removed. About half the rest of the Phase I work has been completed, except for plumbing work, which is 25% done.

Greenbriar Sewage

Classic 60's battle between environmentalists and developers backs up in 1980, spilling over onto innocent residents. Sewage pumping station malfunctions on August 14, four apartments and basement storage area are flooded with raw sewage. Disaster provides push Greenbriar residents need to unload facility onto the shoulders of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC). City Council offers its good offices to set up meeting with WSSC and county officials. Slide show makes the point. Before News Review can print the report of the meeting, WSSC agrees to take over full maintenance and operation of the pumping station. In return Greenbriar promises not to sue for damages.

Commercial Development

The commercial development boom continues throughout 1980. Year begins with the formal opening of Capital Office Park in January and snowy ground-breaking for the 16-story Maryland Trade Center. Western Development puts in \$2 million worth of road improvements to serve the new Greenway Shopping Center. They plan development of 46 adjacent acres, but lose heart when the city council opposes their request for C-M zoning. On the Golden Triangle, Capitol Cadillac wants larger paved parking area. Prudential trades picnic facilities for storm water easement across Indian Springs Park, thereby obtaining favorable site plan recommendation from city. Greenway Center opens at year's end with largest Safeway in the East. In order to compete—the Co-op renovates, Beltway Plaza announces expansion plans, even McDonald's redecorates.

Residential Development

Construction continues throughout the year at Windsor Green. When completed, the development will contain 642 townhouses. The city, its two advisory boards, Greenbelt Homes, Citizens for Greenbelt and individual citizens present solid opposition to long-time city developer Charles Bresler's efforts to obtain townhouse zoning of parcels 3 and 4 along the city's northern border. Despite the small size of the parcels, 10-acres in all, citizens and city insist on free-standing homes with large lots. Bolstered by the recommendation of the Zoning Hearing Examiner to retain the property in half-acre lots, Greenbelters reject out of hand the District Council's attempt at compromise. Instead, District Council gives in. On the 23-acre Smith Ewing Tract council and Greenbriar residents agree to support townhouse zoning in return for covenant restricting development to 8 units per acre.

School Closing

As December arrives with its cold weather, Greenbelt once again receives an unwelcome surprise holiday package from the Prince Georges County Public School System. The 1980 gift, like those received in 1977, 1978 and 1979, proposes the closing of a school attended by Greenbelt children. This year's consolidation plan would close North End, sending 270 students to Center (60 would return to John Carroll). Under the plan, this year's fifth graders at North End would have attended five schools in five years by the time they reach Roosevelt for the ninth grade. Greenbelt's School Study Committee prepares to investigate the many questions and issues raised by the proposal.

Recreation Review**Center Open Inauguration Day**

The Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center will open at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 20.

Teen Ski Trip

The first Ski Trip of the year is planned for Mon., Jan. 26. The bus will leave at 4 pm SHARP from the Youth Center parking lot. Only 35 persons will be able to attend. Persons must be 13 years of age. For further information see JoAnn Rowe at the Youth Center, or call 474-6878. 1 - 10 pm.

High School Diploma

Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau is offering persons a chance to get their high school diploma. Starting on February 3, CARES will be providing free classes to prepare for the General Education Development - GED Exam.

Classes will be given Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Greenbelt CARES offices. To reserve a seat, as class size is limited, or for more information, please call Johnnie at Greenbelt CARES at 345-6660.

Students Sponsor Sci-Fi Convention

Students from Eleanor Roosevelt, Bowie and Laurel High schools are sponsoring Blastcon 1. The Sci-Fi-Star Trek convention will be held at Bowie High School Saturday, January 24 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information call 725-4953.

Casula at DuVal Jan. 22

The next People's Night sponsored by Prince Georges County Council member Frank P. Casula will be held at DuVal Senior High School on January 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the school's multipurpose room.

Casula will be at DuVal, 9880 Good Luck Road, Lanham, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. No appointments are necessary and citizens will be greeted on a first-come first-serve basis.

Police Blotter

Auto thefts were reported from Crescent Road, Beltway Plaza parking lot and Mandan Road.

Thefts from residences were reported from Research Road and from Westway Road. Three thefts from vehicles at the Beltway Plaza parking lot were also reported. A till-tap was reported from the Beauty and Barber Supply Shop in Beltway Plaza.

Two breaking and enterings were reported this week. One on Springhill Lane and the other on Cherrywood Terrace. Investiga-

tion is continuing.

A resident of University Square Apartments was assaulted and robbed. Officer T. McGrath charged a local adult with theft and battery. Pfc. Justin, Pfc. Craddock and Pvt. Love responded to a breaking and entering at the 9200 block of Springhill Lane. Pvt. Love charged two local juveniles and a non-resident adult with breaking and entering.

Pfc. Justin recovered a 1963 Cadillac that had been reported stolen from Metzert Road in Adelphi.

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At the Library

On Wednesday, Jan. 21 there will be a presentation on Pluto: the Mysterious Planet at 7:30 p.m. Meet James Christy, discoverer of Pluto's moon. Program will be interpreted for the deaf and hearing impaired.

On Thursday, Jan. 22 the adult book discussion will cover Ursula LeGuin's *Malafrena*. The discussion takes place at 10:15 a.m.

In Greenbelt National Park

A park naturalist will show how to make winter bird feeders. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 17. For information and reservations call 344-3943.

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by Frank H. Hirschel

The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center brought an overflow audience to a musical "high" Tuesday evening, January 6, at the Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School auditorium, when the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra really came to play.

The ensemble playing of this remarkable organization will not take a back seat to that of any major orchestra for the next decade. The many youthful musicians who participated in the success of the evening should be an inspiration to our own talented young hopefuls.

Valentine's Day seemed to come early with the selections in the first part of the program. The romantic harmonies of Ravel and Chabrier were coaxed into all their richness with the loving interpretation of the orchestra. "Rapsodie Espagnole" and the well known "Pavane" of Maurice Ravel were followed by Emmanuel Chabrier's "Espana." That the French of this period are famous for "amour" was proven over and over again as Conductor Sergiu Comissiona drew enchanting and sonorous tones from the strings. Woodwinds executed even the most difficult passages with passion, the brasses were as rich as they were light, and the tympani section drove all to an exciting climax as they worked the "evening glorioso" to the delight and appreciation of the audience.

After the intermission the orchestra offered a lesser heard work by Antonin Dvorak, Symphony No. 8 in G Major, Opus 88 that drew on melodies and rhythms of his native Bohemia. This composition, as interpreted, is moving and effective and was applauded again and again as the evening concert ended.

Maestro Comissiona uses his baton hand to keep time, and his left hand and arm, and fingers to guide, lead, pull and coax purity and perfection. The audience as well as the orchestra is caught

up in what he does, sharing with the musicians the excitement of the music.

How do we effectively reward the staff of the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center for bringing us this fine program? They ask only that the members of the community join in and help to expand this community's cultural growth. I highly recommend that one and all become patrons and support the work that these dedicated citizens are undertaking.

School Consolidation Hearings Scheduled

The Board of Education will hold informational meetings for staff presentations of the elementary school consolidations. Proposals for Greenbelt schools will be discussed at an informational meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 28 at 7:30 p.m. at High Point Senior High School. Schools discussed will be Greenbelt North End, Berwyn Heights, Beltsville, Chestnut Hills, and Powder Mill. Speakers should register in advance by telephoning 952-4324.

GHI NOTES

Meetings of the Week

Thurs., Jan. 15, 8 p.m. — GHI Board of Directors Meeting, GHI Offices, visitors welcomed; Wed., Jan. 21, 8 p.m. — GHI Newsletter Committee Meeting; Thurs., Jan. 22, 8 p.m. — GHI Board of Directors Meeting.

Agendas for board meetings are posted in Twin Pines, Greenbelt Library and Co-op Supermarket or are obtainable at the GHI Manager's Office.

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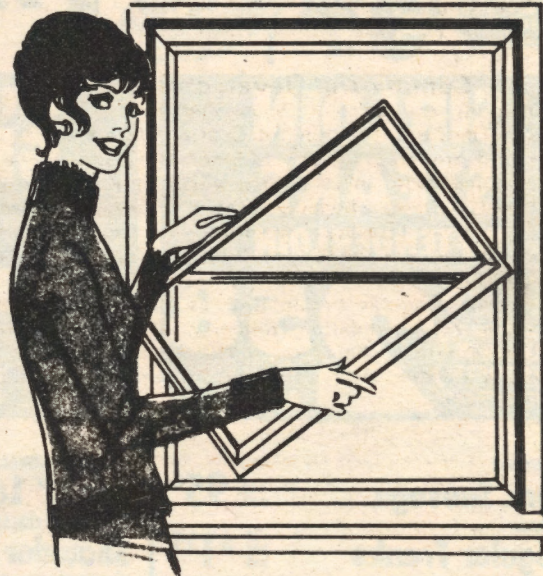
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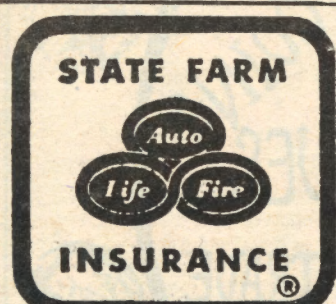
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TWIN PINES SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The Nominations and Elections Committee of Twin Pines is currently seeking names of persons interested in filling any of the seven elective positions which will be voted upon in the upcoming annual meeting. These positions are:

- Three positions on the Board of Directors for terms of three years;
- Three positions on the Nominations and Elections Committee for terms of two years;
- Three positions on the Member Relations Committee for terms of two years.

Minimum qualifications for all positions are membership in Twin Pines (loan or savings of \$100 or more) and willingness to serve if elected.

Persons who meet these qualifications, or who know of others who meet these qualifications, are asked to inform the Committee in writing at the following address:

Nominations and Elections Committee
Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association
105 Centerway
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

Deadline for suggestions for nominations is Thursday, February 12, 1981.

REGARDING PETITIONS

Although it is highly recommended that potential candidates submit their names to the Nominations and Elections Committee, the Bylaws of Twin Pines provide for candidacy by petition. Such petitions must be signed by at least twenty-five members of Twin Pines and must be turned in to the Twin Pines office or to the Secretary of Twin Pines on or before Monday, February 23, 1981.

In addition, items of business can be placed on the agenda of the annual meeting by petition. Such petitions must be signed by at least fifteen members of Twin Pines, must contain an explanatory statement, and must be turned in to the Twin Pines office or to the Secretary of Twin Pines on or before Monday, February 23, 1981.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24 at 8 p.m. The official meeting notice will be published in approximately one month.



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